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Applicant JUVEGROUP OY et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

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- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MICROORGANISM	
Identification reference given by the DEPOSITOR: T-1	Accession number given by the INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY: DSM 12560
II. SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND/OR PROPOSED TAXONOMIC DESIGNATION	
<p>The microorganism identified under I. above was accompanied by:</p> <p>() a scientific description () a proposed taxonomic designation</p> <p>(Mark with a cross where applicable).</p>	
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BUDAPESTER VERTRAG ÜBER DIE INTERNATIONALE
ANERKENNUNG DER HINTERLEGUNG VON MIKROORGANISMEN
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EMPFANGSBESTÄTIGUNG BEI ERSTHINTERLEGUNG,
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INTERNATIONALEN HINTERLEGUNGSSTELLE

I. KENNZEICHNUNG DES MIKROORGANISMUS	
Vom HINTERLEGER zugeteiltes Bezugszeichen: DT-2	Von der INTERNATIONALEN HINTERLEGUNGSSTELLE zugeteilte EINGANGSNUMMER: DSM 12561
II. WISSENSCHAFTLICHE BESCHREIBUNG UND/ODER VORGESCHLAGENE TAXONOMISCHE BEZEICHNUNG	
<p>Mit dem unter I. bezeichneten Mikroorganismus wurde</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> eine wissenschaftliche Beschreibung</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> eine vorgeschlagene taxonomische Bezeichnung</p> <p>eingereicht. (Zutreffendes ankreuzen).</p>	
III. EINGANG UND ANNAHME	
Diese internationale Hinterlegungsstelle nimmt den unter I bezeichneten Mikroorganismus an, der bei ihr am 1998-12-01 (Datum der Ersthinterlegung) ¹ eingegangen ist.	
IV. EINGANG DES ANTRAGS AUF UMWANDLUNG	
Der unter I bezeichnete Mikroorganismus ist bei dieser internationalen Hinterlegungsstelle am eingegangen (Datum der Ersthinterlegung) und ein Antrag auf Umwandlung dieser Ersthinterlegung in eine Hinterlegung gemäß Budapest Vertrag ist am eingegangen (Datum des Eingangs des Antrags auf Umwandlung).	
V. INTERNATIONALE HINTERLEGUNGSSTELLE	
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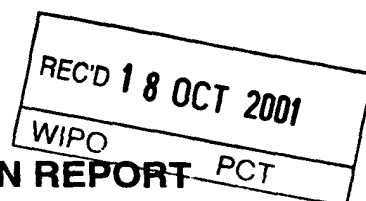
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 02/02/2001	Date of completion of this report 16.10.2001
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:  European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer Borello, E Telephone No. +49 89 2399 7378 

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/FI00/00624

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-20 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-19 with telefax of 06/09/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/10-10/10 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☒ the claims, Nos.: 20,21

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:
see separate sheet

iii. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 1*,4*,5*,6*,7*,8*,9*,10*,11*,12*,13*,15*,16* (*partly).

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 1*,4*,5*,6*,7*,8*,9*,10*,11*,12*,13*,15*,16* (*partly) relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
see separate sheet

- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- ☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
- ☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1*,2-3,4*,5*,6*,7*,8*,9*,10*,11*,12*,13*,14,15*,16*,17-19 (*partly)
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1*,2-3,4*,5*,6*,7*,8*,9*,10*,11*,12*,13*,14,15*,16*,17-19 (*partly)
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1*,2-3,4*,5*,6*,7*,8*,9*,10*,11*,12*,13*,14,15*,16*,17-19 (*partly)
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

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Re Item I

Basis of the opinion

1. The basis of the international Preliminary Examination Report is the translation (Rule 12.3(a)(i)PCT) of the application as filed. A part of the application, as specified under Item III, has not been subject to the preliminary examination.

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The alternative "**progeny**" of the claimed micro-organisms are not considered to meet the requirements of Rule 13bis.3(a)PCT.
Claims defined by a reference to a group of microorganisms, namely species or genus, cannot be accepted under Art. 5 PCT and Art. 6PCT: **no meaningful opinion** can be formed on the **part of claims 1,4-3,15 and 6** relating to **progeny of deposited micro-organisms** (Art. 34(4)(a)(ii)PCT and Art. 35(3)(a)PCT).

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-5 679 568 (IMAMURA TAKESHI ET AL) 21 October 1997

D2: EP-A-0 915 061 (REALCO 2001 S A N V) 12 May 1999

D3: US-A-4 317 885 (BLAIR JAMES E ET AL) 2 March 1982

- 2 Prior art
 - 2.a D1 discloses a water treatment process for the biologically decomposition of halogenated organic acids. The process uses microorganisms including bacteria of genus Pseudomonas and Xanthobacter.
 - 2.b D2 discloses a process for removing the effects of detergents upon germination and/or growth of micro-organisms of genus Bacillus. The inhibitory effect was detected with concentration of detergents between 1-50 ppm.

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- 2.c D3 discloses a process for removing detergents from wastewater (up to 520 ppm) using the strain *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 3P (deposited at the American Type Culture Collection under the accession number, ATCC-31483).

3. Novelty

The invention defined in claims 1-19 shall be considered novel, since it is not anticipated by the prior art (Art. 33(2)PCT). Namely none of the microorganisms claimed according to Rule 13bisPCT is known from the prior art at hand.

4. Inventive step

- 4.a The invention defined in claims 5-13 shall be considered to involve an inventive step, since, having regard to the prior art (Art. 33(3)PCT), it is not obvious to the skilled person (Art. 33(3)PCT). Each of the novel microorganisms seems to effectively contribute to the purification of wastewater.
- 4.b The application shows that the **mixed population as defined in claims 1, 14 and 15** solves a problem: the examples 1-8 in the description show evidence that the mixed population can be used in a process to purify wastewater in a bioreactor. The mixed population of microorganisms show the advantage of being facultative aerobic.
- The findings of the available prior art would not lead the skilled person to the use of the claimed mixed population of microorganisms in a wastewater process or in a bioreactor.
- Therefore the invention defined in claims 1, 14 and 15 can be considered to involve an inventive step (Art. 33(3)PCT).
- 4.c The same applies to the dependent claims 2-4, 16-19 (Art. 33(3)PCT).

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

KOLSTER OY AB
Iso Roobertinkatu 23
P.O. Box 148
FIN-00121 Helsinki
FINLANDE

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 16 November 2001 (16.11.01)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference 2990043PC/nu	
International application No. PCT/FI00/00624	International filing date (day/month/year) 06 July 2000 (06.07.00)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☒ the applicant

 ☐ the inventor

 ☐ the agent

 ☐ the common representative

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	Telephone No.	
	Facsimile No.	
	Teleprinter No.	

2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

☒ the person

 ☐ the name

 ☐ the address

 ☐ the nationality

 ☐ the residence

Name and Address OY CLEWER LTD Raidetie 1-3 FIN-96900 Saarenkylä Finland	State of Nationality FI	State of Residence FI
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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the receiving Office	<input type="checkbox"/> the designated Offices concerned
<input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned
<input type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer Marie-José DEVILLARD Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

Commissioner
 US Department of Commerce
 United States Patent and Trademark
 Office, PCT
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in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 21 March 2001 (21.03.01)	
International application No. PCT/FI00/00624	Applicant's or agent's file reference 2990043PC/nu
International filing date (day/month/year) 06 July 2000 (06.07.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 12 July 1999 (12.07.99)
Applicant UOTILA, Jussi et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

02 February 2001 (02.02.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election
- ☒
- was

☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ²⁵⁻⁰¹⁻²⁰⁰¹

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 January 2001 (18.01.01)		
Applicant's or agent's file reference 2990043PC/nu		IMPORTANT NOTICE
International application No. PCT/FI00/00624	International filing date (day/month/year) 06 July 2000 (06.07.00)	
Applicant JUVEGROUP OY et al		Priority date (day/month/year) 12 July 1999 (12.07.99)

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AG,AU,BZ,DZ,KP,KR,MZ,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,CA,CH,CN,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,EA,EE,EP,ES,FI,GB,GD,
GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,JP,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MA,MD,MG,MK,MN,MW,MX,
NO,NZ,OA,PL,PT,RO,RU,SD,SE,SG,SI,SK,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,TZ,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,ZA,ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
18 January 2001 (18.01.01) under No. WO 01/04060

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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